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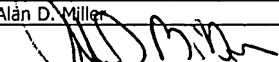
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AND REPLY TO AUGUST 16, 2007 NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

On May 29, 2007 applicants timely filed a Reply to the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) dated March 29, 2007 in the above-identified application. On August 16, 2007, the Patent Office issued a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121). A reply was due September 16, 2007. However, since September 16, 2007 fell on a Sunday, a reply filed on the next business day, i.e., today, Monday, September 17, 2007 is considered timely filed (37 CFR 1.7).

Applicants are filing these amendments as if the amendments submitted on May 29, 2007 have not been entered.

Please enter the following amendments before calculating excess claim fees.